

## **Key Questions for Cities, Counties, and Residents to be asking to make their communities more Age-Friendly**

### **AGING IN PLACE**

1. Is your city, county prepared for large numbers of Boomers to Age-in-Place in the community?
2. How could cities, the county, and organizations support more practical home modifications and repairs to help residents Age-in-Place?
3. Could an Aging in Place partnership/fund be set up to help homeowners stay in their homes—at less cost than other housing alternatives?
4. As new housing of all types is constructed, how could cities encourage builders to include more accessible and universally designed features in their design plans?

### **HOUSING**

5. How can cities, counties, and private developers further increase housing variety in communities in the coming years to appeal to older residents who may want to down-size, or younger residents who need or prefer a non-single family home?
6. How can cities, the county, and other public and private partners invest more in subsidized rental housing to help bring down housing costs for lower-income renters, including many older adults?
7. Could new policies or educational campaigns encourage builders to construct universally designed buildings with age-friendly features to meet the needs of aging adults—and by doing so better meet the needs of all age groups?
8. How can cities, counties, and private developers continue to plan for and invest in “housing with services” to support older residents who may want to remain in their communities as they age?

9. What if many aging Boomers can't afford or do not desire to move into Assisted Living facilities or wait until the very end of their lives to move into these types of facilities?

### **LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY**

10. How can cities adjust land use policies to shorten distances and improve access to shopping, services, and other amenities?

11. How can cities, counties invest more in public and alternative transportation services to decrease residents' reliance on cars for transportation?

12. How can cities, counties, and private developers strategically invest in Suburban-Intensity/mixed-use developments or otherwise improve the proximity of residences to essential amenities that will serve older residents and others who value walkability?

13. As cities develop or redevelop land, how can they improve their pedestrian infrastructure to make it more connected to a larger network of sidewalks and trails for better mobility options?

14. How can the state, county, and cities work together to prioritize dangerous streets and intersections for redesign that promotes lower speeds to save more lives?

### **PARKS**

15. How can cities continue to make parks good places for both children and older adults, such as more benches and more equipment for both age groups?

16. How can cities continue to improve non-motorized access to parks with sidewalk and trail enhancements, so people of all ages can walk, bike, or roll (i.e. using an assistive device) to their nearest park?

### **WORKFORCE, VOLUNTEERING**

17. How are local businesses helping older workers to remain in the workforce?

18. How are businesses reaching out to younger workers of color to give them access to jobs, and leveraging the experience and skills of older workers to help train them?

19. How can cities further capitalize on older adult volunteers as an asset to the community?

### **SOCIAL ISOLATION, NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKS, CRIME**

20. What more can be done to identify and assist socially isolated older adults?

21. How can we better support nonprofits or faith communities and partner with them to provide home visits or check-ins calls by phone?

22. Could more formal neighborhood networks be helpful to those living alone, and in turn create stronger neighborhood connections and support for everyone?

23. While everyone wants to feel safe in their community, how can cities/communities continue to work with residents to lower crime rates and increase engagement of all residents, including older adults who face isolation?